

# **CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

## **Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention**

January 18, 2007

To: Commissioners

From: Lynn Sharpe Underwood  
Executive Director

### **Action Item-1**

Refer letter to an Ad Hoc Committee to work with Juvenile Services to improve the letter and strategize ways to engage parents more in this prevention process.

### **Background**

Juvenile Services will do a presentation outlining their services.

Dear Parent,

On \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ hours, your child, \_\_\_\_\_ was contacted by officers from the San Diego Police Department. During the contact, it was discovered that your child may have been involved with individuals engaging in high risk activity (i.e. gangs, narcotics, alcohol, and/or criminal misconduct). As a concerned and responsible parent, you are strongly encouraged to contact our Department to discuss your child's possible association with such individuals and the impact of future police contacts on your child.

The influence of streets gangs, narcotics, and alcohol continues to plague the youth of our city. However, there are many positive alternatives. Your involvement as a parent can be the single most important factor in eliminating these negative influences in the life of your child. I invite you to contact the officer listed below to discuss these issues. The officer will also have information on available referral programs in your area.

Let's work together to keep your child and the community safe and eliminate the negative influences from our communities.

Should you have questions regarding this correspondence, please call the Juvenile Services Team at \_\_\_\_\_ Division, phone \_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely,

William Lansdowne  
Chief of Police